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For oil pipeline officials, tar sands debate ends before it starts



Bethel residents vote on calling the question on a tar sands resolution at last week's special town meeting at the Crescent Park Elementary School. At right, visible in the foreground from left to right are Larry Wilson, president/CEO of the Portland Pipe Line Corp.; John Quinn, executive director of the New England Petroleum Council; and Dan Demeritt, who attended as an observer. He is the former communications director for Gov. Paul LePage. Immediately behind Wilson are two pipeline technicians. Aaron Annable of the Canadian Consulate in Boston arrived at the meeting a few minutes later and is not in the photo. None of the officials got to speak. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

By ALISON ALOISIO

The president/CEO of the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line, the PMPL's director of operations, two pipeline maintenance technicians, the executive director of the New England Petroleum Council in Boston, and a representative from the Canadian Consulate in Boston all came to the special town meeting in Bethel last Wednesday to present their side of the controversial "tar sands" oil debate.

They never got the chance.

Resolution

A warrant article on tar sands (known technically as diluted bitumen or dilbit) had been placed on the special town meeting warrant at the request of a group of two dozen local residents.

The group is worried the

PMPL might reverse the current flow of crude oil in its pipeline in order to instead carry dilbit-derived crude from Montreal to Portland. The pipeline runs through Bethel.

The local group is among other environmentally-minded people in Maine who are concerned the composition of the dilbit oil would make a spill more likely along the 60-year-old pipeline.

On Jan. 22 the Bethel group persuaded selectmen to add to the Jan. 30 town meeting warrant a resolution that opposes a reversal of flow. The warrant initially included only an article to establish a Bingham Forest Authority. (For text of resolution, see Jan. 24 Citizen.)

Call the question

Fifteen minutes into last week's meeting discuss-

sion, three supporters of the resolution had spoken. Bob Iles then moved to call for the question, an action intended to stop debate and quickly bring about a vote on the main motion (the resolution itself). His motion was seconded.

There then had to be a vote, without debate, on calling the question, according to meeting procedure. A two-thirds affirmative vote by the 63 people present was needed to proceed to a vote on the resolution.

Moderator Bob Everett said Iles' motion could be withdrawn (to allow others to speak). It was not, and the vote on calling the question was taken and declared passed.

Pipeline representatives

raised their hands in an attempt to be heard, but it was too late.

Bethel resident Scott Hynek had a prepared statement to read, and he strongly objected after the vote on calling the question.

"Wait a minute — I haven't had the opportunity to speak," he said. "You've heard from one side and not the other."

Everett then reread the warrant article, and residents overwhelmingly approved the resolution. The meeting then adjourned.

Hynek did read his statement after the adjournment, and most of those attending stayed to hear him.

He questioned the need to vote on the resolution now, rather than wait until residents can learn more about the oil industry's side of the issue.

"Disappointing"

The visitors from Port-

land and Boston had not been publicly identified when the resolution was first put on the floor, and it was not clear how many meeting attendees were aware of them. They did not raise their hands prior to Iles' motion.

"We never would have [made the trip from Portland] if we knew what was waiting at the other end," said Larry Wilson, PPLC president/CEO, after the meeting.

He said other communities that had held meetings about the dilbit issue had given them a chance to speak. "It's a bit disappointing," he said.

John Quinn, executive director of the New England Petroleum Council, was critical of the meeting process and said he had spoken with Bethel Town Manager Jim

Doar Wednesday afternoon about attending. The oil industry representatives stayed after the meeting to talk with some residents and town officials individually.

Also attending the meeting was Dan Demeritt, who said he has done work for the energy industry in the past, but was at the meeting only as an observer. Demeritt formerly was communications director for Gov. Paul LePage.

The Bingham Forest Authority article was easily approved at the beginning of the meeting.

Wilson elaborates

In a followup e-mail and phone interview later in the week Wilson described the leadup to the meeting: "A number of us asked about the process for how

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Woodstock to draft limits on fireworks

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectman Steve Bies will draft ordinance language limiting the number of days per year that fireworks may be used, and the selectboard will decide at its next meeting whether to include the proposal on the annual town meeting warrant.

At the selectmen's meeting Tuesday Bies was designated to craft a proposed amendment to Woodstock's existing fireworks

ordinance, which prevents the commercial sale of fireworks. The ordinance was approved last year in the wake of a new state law legalizing the sale and use of consumer fireworks. Towns are allowed to impose their own bans or restrictions within their borders.

Woodstock has received complaints and petitions about the use of fireworks, particularly late at night.

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TV news magazine features Bethel region

By ALISON ALOISIO

It's not a video game. It's not a Chamber of Commerce promotion. Once Phil Blampied of Rumford gets people to understand the nature of what he's producing with his video camera, they like it, he says.

"Today River Valley" is a quarterly news magazine featuring stories in the Bethel and Rumford areas. It's an hour-long TV show that can be viewed online or purchased as a DVD in local stores, in-

cluding the Bethel Food Liner and Crossroads Restaurant.

Blampied spent much of his life working in communications and journalism in Massachusetts, so he knows how to put news material together.

Video is a relatively new medium for him, one he started experimenting with last year.

"I really enjoyed playing around with it," he said.

It wasn't long before

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Bethel's inaugural poet recounts experience

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I feel like I dreamed it," said Bethel poet Richard Blanco. "It was such a high."

Back home after reading his poem "One Today" at President Barack Obama's inauguration, Blanco last week reflected on the experience.

He had learned on Dec. 12 that he had been chosen to become only the fifth poet to participate in an American presidential inauguration. And he doesn't know how it happened.

"It's a mystery unto itself," he said. "I still don't know."

There was no application process, no competition. He simply got a call from his agent.

"I felt an incredible sense of gratitude," said Blanco. "Thought about my parents and grandparents, and all the sacrifices and hard work for the sake of giving my brother and me a better life."

The presidential Inaugural Committee told him to keep his selection as poet secret — even from his mother — until an official announcement was made.

The vice chairman of the Bethel Planning Board, Blanco told his fellow plan-

ners that he would likely not be able to serve as chairman for the board's new term in January because "something big was going on."

Blanco didn't have long to ponder his newfound status. He had to get busy writing three poems, so the Inaugural Committee would have choices.

He said the tight time frame was in some ways better than a six-month warning, which might have given him too long to ponder his words.

But, he said, "Two more weeks would have been a bit better."

Within two weeks he had sent two poems, followed a short time later by the third.

"The one they chose was in the first two," he said. "The third was the most autobiographical."

"One Today" became his favorite of the three because, he said, "It was the most appropriate. It seemed like it would be the right choice."

The reaction from the White House? "They loved it. They didn't make me change a single comma," he said. Blanco said he did not know if the president saw it at that time.

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PLANNER/POET-Bethel Planning Board Vice Chairman Richard Blanco sits in the Town Office meeting room, the town's code book in front of him. He was drafted to serve on the board after attending a selectmen's meeting not long after moving here in 2009. Increased demands on his time since the inauguration may require him to cut back on some of his community commitments, he said. He also continues to work as a civil engineer.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Letters

TAR SANDS VOTE

To the Editor:

I may someday support a resolution opposing tar sands oil going through the nearby pipeline, such as the one whooped through the recent special town meeting, but not now, and here's why.

Everything I've heard or read about this issue comes from the same side of the issue. There just has to be another side - there always is - and we deserve to hear from that side. No rational judge would send the jury off to deliberate after hearing only the prosecution's case, not without at least asking the defense if they'd like to say something. But that is what happened at this special town meeting.

For example, I'd love to hear what somebody in the pipeline industry might have to say about the part of Bethel's resolution that says

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2010 pipelines already carrying tar sands oil in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan spilled almost three times more oil per mile of pipeline compared with the U.S. National average.

Why just those four states - are they the only ones with pipelines carrying tar sands oil, or are they the only ones with spills? Why just 2007 through 2010 - are those the only years that pipelines carried tar sands oil, or are they the only years with spills?

I'd also like to hear what the record of the nearby pipeline has been over the past six decades.

I have to wonder why anyone would bother to pipe tar sands oil from Montreal to Portland only to put every last bit of it onto a tanker to somewhere else, as the resolution's proponents suggest. Wouldn't it be less expensive just to put it onto that same tanker in Montreal? After all, Montreal is on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

This resolution made a point of saying that this pipeline passes along and crosses under rivers. But how could it be otherwise? You can't get from Portland to Montreal without crossing rivers - not now, not in 1950 when this pipeline was built, and not since the glaciers went away. Of course this pipeline passes along rivers. That's the easiest way to get from here to there - the rivers already took the easiest way. That's why highways pass along rivers, and why railroads do the same. From here to Gorham, you'll find that Route 2, the Androscoggin River, and the railroad are never very far apart.

Why couldn't this issue have waited for the regular June town meeting, when it could be considered by folks other than partisans of this particular issue? To my knowledge, no date has been announced for tar sands oil running through this pipeline. I don't know that even an undated announcement has been made. Does it really make a difference if some other towns put their oar in the water first?

Decades ago, when I was a mere engineer reporting to a director of engineering, I used to get annoyed when my boss insisted on deferring decisions about whether I should proceed this way or that. One day he told me, "Scott, here's how it works. If it is not necessary to make this decision right now, then it is necessary not to make this decision right now." I really didn't like hearing that at the time, but I've thought about it over the years and decided that, dammit, he was right.

Our selectmen should have put this resolution on the agenda for our regular town meeting, and they should have invited, not disallowed, any opposing viewpoints to be heard.

Scott Hynek
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES NEED REVISION

To the Editor:

The way we conduct our community affairs is crucially important to our future both individually and collectively. An old truism from the computer industry says: "garbage in - garbage out." It would be good to bear that in mind in all official proceedings such as Town Meetings where the consequences of decisions we make can be serious and long enduring. My personal opinion in that regard, apparently shared by many others attending our Jan. 30 meeting, is that we have some serious work to do.

I will spare readers the troubles endured by the "many others" Wednesday night and proceed directly to some conclusions and recommendations. Suffice it to say that we proponents of the resolution expected and were prepared for an informative discussion of the Tar Sands Oil issue, but we were deprived of that opportunity.

Conclusion: The conduct of the meeting, which may have met a narrow interpretation of requirements, did not meet the broad intent of town meetings, i.e., to allow fair statement and deliberation of issues at hand. Attendees thus were deprived of opportunity to provide and receive information vital to making informed voting decisions. We can and must rectify that sorry state to ensure no repeats of it in the future.

Recommendations:

As a beginning, Bethel must amend rules of conduct for Town Meetings that would:

1. Ensure open nomination of moderators;
2. Require the moderator to present all salient rules, with sufficient explanations to equip voters to participate and vote; and
3. Disallow "calling the question" before speakers for and against the motion are properly heard. Other related items can be considered at the discretion of the Town Meeting Rules Committee.

Seabury & Sharon Lyon
Bethel

NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK

To the Editor:

The refusal by Bethel's Special Town Meeting moderator to allow the CEO of the Portland Montreal Pipeline, the Consul from the Canadian Embassy in Boston and myself (I represent the New England Petroleum Council) to request permission to address Special Town Meeting members concerning the so-called "Tar Sands" resolution on Jan. 30, was an unfortunate disservice to the reputation of the citizens of Bethel.

We had hoped to ask the Special Town Meeting members to defer a vote on this resolution until the June Town Meeting in order to allow the citizens of Bethel to have the opportunity to consider both our concerns about what we believe are serious misstatements in the resolution and also the findings of a National Academy of Sciences study that addresses many of the claims raised in the Resolution and is due out this spring.

However, at the meeting on the 30th, after the resolution had been introduced and discussed by Bethel residents, the motion was made to move the resolution question despite several raised hands of "non-residents" (myself and Larry Wilson, the CEO of PMPL among others) wishing to address the resolution. The moderator chose instead to immediately call the vote on the resolution without acknowledging our requests or responding to the question raised by a Bethel resident who stood to ask "what seems to be the rush here."

The vote was then taken and the resolution adopted.

The Portland Montreal Pipeline Corporation has been a good corporate citizen and Bethel taxpayer for more than sixty years. The Canadians are our strongest ally and the largest supplier of petroleum to Maine and the United States.

Having grown up in Maine and having served during the 1970s in the Maine Attorney General's Office, I have been to immeasurable town meetings and never witnessed this kind of tactic to avoid open discussion of a controversial issue.

John E. Quinn
Executive Director, New England Petroleum Council
Boston, Mass.

MIXED MESSAGES ON DOG PARK

To the Editor:

Trying to get straight answers about the proposed Bethel Dog Park is a challenge. I keep hearing it's not going to cost the town any money. If you look past the initial building of said park, you will find that being a "Town Project" the burden of operating and maintaining of said park seems to be falling on the taxpayers. I've heard that the park would not be open in the winter. Then I hear it will be. I heard the committee (dog park committee) will police the project. Then I heard the town would be responsible to form a committee to oversee the building and operating of the park. I heard the project would definitely NOT interfere with the snowmobile trail. Then there is the appearance of two different plans to move the trail. So let's get some real answers!

If you, too, have questions and comments about the Proposed Bethel Dog Park, please come to the public meeting scheduled for Feb. 13, 2013 at the meeting room, Bethel Town Office, 6 p.m.

Being a dog person, myself, I would not expose my dog to a fenced in area with strange dogs. I would question whether these dogs are up to date on their inoculations and wonder what their personalities are (passive, aggressive). I would not expose my dog to the possibility of diseases carried by strange dogs that are spread by urine (that cannot be picked up) and feces. Parvo virus is already in Rumford. We don't need it here.

Sue Cross
Bethel

HOW MANY WANT DOG PARK?

To the Editor:

The question of how many people in Bethel want the dog park still goes unanswered. In last week's Bethel Citizen, Ms. Aloisio's article not only has dog licenses for Bethel, but includes five other towns. Is this a Bethel dog park or a six-town dog park and, if so, are these other towns going to share in its upkeep?

Also, the article states that the project came before the Planning Board last month. What I have been told is this project was brought before the town a long time ago.

I appreciate Mr. Wight's dog etiquette rules, but again the question is who cleans up, where do the feces go and who patrols the park? I have heard that the town will be responsible for the removal of the feces. Over and over I have been told there would be no expense to the taxpayer. Sounds to me, the Selectboard is putting the taxpayer on the hook.

In the event of the closing of the dog park, what then? I feel the Dog Park Committee should be required to post a "dismantling bond" for as long as the park is designated as a dog park.

Joe Hallowell
Bethel

(Ed. Note: The dog park application was first presented to the Planning Board Dec. 12, according to town officials. The information on the numbers of licensed dogs in the area was provided only for general interest purposes.)

UPDATE ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

To the Editor:

Mainers are still finding out that we are the very first state in the country to confront the truth about what happened to Wabanaki children and families in Maine involved with the Maine child welfare system.

It's called the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation (TRC). We are making history and the rest of the world is starting to watch.

Five commissioners have been chosen to listen to all Mainers, both native and non-native, who want to come forward to share their experiences on this issue. The commissioners will be formally sworn in on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at a daylong event in Hermon, Maine.

The day before, Feb. 11, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls on all people, to help them prepare for their difficult work ahead by a day of Reflection, Meditation and Prayer. A focal point will be at 11 a.m. on Feb. 11 when many around the state will have a moment of silence to consider the importance of the TRC and how everyone can support its three-fold purpose of uncovering the truth, promoting healing, and making recommendations for best child welfare practices. For me it is also a time to remember the many children who were taken from the 1800's right up through the 1990's.

Faith communities or individuals who want to show their solidarity and are moved to organize an event to acknowledge the Day of Reflection, Meditation and Prayer are kindly requested to provide details about it to TRC Interim Director Carolyn Morrison. She can be reached at carolynmorrison@trc@gmail.com or (207) 896-3042.

Arla Patch, Woodstock
TRC Communications Subcommittee

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: About three dozen hardy souls took part in the WinterFest 2003 Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser for the Bethel Fire Department and Telstar's baseball team trip to Florida.

Deaths: Glenn C. Meserve, Capt. William F. Kolbe, Jr., Maxine F. Lovejoy, Dorothy W. Sullivan, Norman R. Ness.

20 years ago: Two groups of hot air balloonists visited Crescent Park School to demonstrate and explain the mechanics of hot air flight.

Temperatures ranging from 25 below zero to nearly 40 below were reported around the area.

Births: Jean Marie Lawrence, Koral Lynn Saunders, Leo Charles Buck III.

Deaths: Esther M. Bodwell, Edna Y. Cole.

30 years ago: Students at Mrs. Linda Bouchard's Pooh Corner nursery school presented the play "The Big Turnip."

Birth: Alyson May Jacques.

Deaths: Pauline G. Kuczyski, Evelyn I. Appleby, Roland E. Annis, Sr.

40 years ago: The Bethel Savings Bank trustees announced the appointment of Raymond G. Moran as treasurer and clerk effective March 1, 1973.

Zayre's Department Store was building a \$350,000 establishment at East Rumford.

Births: Andrew Lee Day, Christopher Walker, Shelby Taylor, Garth Kneeland Grover.

Deaths: Ralph C. Richardson, Ray L. Andrews, Mrs. Marjorie A. McAlister.

50 years ago: Youth Cavalcade auditions were being held at the Susan Farrar School of Dance at the Community Room.

The "March of Dimes" basketball game between the Gould Academy varsity and the Bethel Town Team netted \$108.33. The town team won 37-29.

Births: David George Blowers, Scott Clinton Bennett.

Death: Mrs. Estella Godridge.

60 years ago: Discussion at a meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce resulted in a vote to have an article in the town meeting warrant asking for a committee to study the prospects of a town manager government.

Pfc. Arnol K. Brown had completed his recruit training at Parris Island, SC.

Births: Thomas Brian Beaulac, Pamela Jean Heino.

Deaths: M. A. Naimey, Rawson Martin, Kalle A. Pispala.

70 years ago: Ernest Bisbee, first selectman of Bethel, announced at a Chamber of Commerce meeting that the town was out of debt.

Death: Mrs. Evangeline Clough.

80 years ago: Three race horses were stabled at Riverside Park where they were to be trained.

Leslie E. Davis bought 600 acres of timberland in the vicinity of South Bethel.

Death: Mrs. Carrie Lane, Mrs. Bertha Libby, Marcellus Littlehale, Mrs. Cassie Gay, Mrs. Robert Damon.

90 years ago: A party of 28 came by special car from Westerly, R.I., to enjoy a week of winter sports at Bethel Inn.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Harrington, Dexter Cummings, Lizzie G. Torrey.

100 years ago: Students and teachers of Gould Academy held their annual fair in Garland Chapel. The object of the fair was to secure money to have electric lights installed in the Academy.

The Ladies Club of the Universalist Church was holding socials in the Bethel Grange Hall.

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What resolution supporters said

By ALISON ALOISIO

Brendon Bass began last week's discussion with an account of a dilbit spill in 2010 from a pipeline in the Kalamazoo River in Michigan. He said the spill caused environmental damage and gave residents headaches, coughs and other health problems.

"We have brought this resolution because we believe the oil industry will soon seek to pump diluted bitumen from Montreal to Portland, in order to ship it elsewhere," he said. "It will not benefit us here in Bethel or in Maine. It will not lower the price of our

oil. It will only expose us to risks to our personal health, the health of our land, water and wildlife and the health of all our businesses that depend on a clean natural environment.

"This resolution also speaks to a much larger concern. Humanity's overdependence on fossil fuels is an addiction that is disrupting the planet's weather and life support systems. While we work on overcoming that addiction by getting the energy we need from renewable sources, let's at least not compound the problem by clearing forests that pro-

vide the oxygen we need, polluting land and water, and spewing yet more carbon dioxide into an already overwarmed atmosphere.

"To voice your desire to protect the human and economic health here in Bethel, and to speak up for the health of the planet and all its inhabitants, please adopt this resolution."

Seabury Lyon said that chemicals added to dilbit to dilute it enough to be pumped through pipelines include more toxic volatiles such as Benzene that increase health, environment and fire hazards that

require special handling at all process points.

He said spills and leaks occur three times more frequently than regular heavy crude oil.

Lyon said there is no mitigation equipment or strategy proven to be effective in cleaning and restoring areas affected by large spills.

Another leading member of the local group, Ken Hotopp of Newry, said after the meeting that oil company representatives "never do explain why a town should allow increased risk to our rivers, our economy, and our climate, for no real benefit."

What oil officials would have said

By ALISON ALOISIO

Oil and pipeline companies have denied there are currently any plans to change the direction of flow and contents of the PMPL pipeline. They also argue that dilbit oil does not pose a greater threat than other oil.

Aaron Annable, consul and head of the Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service for the Canadian Consulate in Boston, said after the meeting he was attending in support of "the product." He said he has seen much inaccurate information presented about dilbit.

He was asked what he would have said had he had the chance to speak.

"The Canadian government is committed to environmental responsibility in developing oil sands," he said. Such development, said Annable, "is subject to strict regulations and review. All affected land must be returned to its natural state by law."

He also said that new technologies "have improved the environmental performance of oil sands development significantly, and are continuing to do so."

On Friday PMPL President/CEO Larry Wilson was asked what he would have said.

He said his company provides jobs in Maine, pays \$4 million in taxes and fees annually and contributes significant amounts to organizations such as the United Way.

Wilson said his company currently does not have a project planned to reverse the flow on the pipeline. But, he said, "We hope to have a new project for our system in the future. It could be a reversal project. We have considered it in the past, and we could in the future." The market and potential customers, he said, would dictate any plans.

If PMPL decided on a reversal, said Wilson, "We would get out to the communities," and explain the plan.

Wilson said that transporting oil from Canada would be a more secure and cheaper source of fuel for the U.S. than sources such as the Middle East.

Asked about speculation that Canadian oil might end up in Asia instead of America, Wilson acknowledged that his company would have no say in the ultimate destination of the oil once it reached Portland. But, he said, "the most logical destination is the closest possible market, which we believe would be Nova Scotia or the U.S. East Coast." Refineries there prefer lighter crude oil rather than the heavier dilbit crude, he said.

But Wilson said his company would be comfortable transporting either one, because he has confidence in the system and its safety procedures. He elaborated on

that system.

Wilson said the age of the pipeline system is not a concern, comparing it to an old house that functions well as long as it is well-maintained. "There's no limit on the years of service," he said.

There are two oil pipelines running to Montreal. One, built in 1965, is 24 inches in diameter and is currently carrying oil, Wilson said.

The other, built in 1950, is 18 inches in diameter and is not in use. It was shut down in 2011 after being "purged" with nitrogen to prevent corrosion, Wilson said.

"If we have to reverse some day, both are in excellent condition," he said.

He described PMPL maintenance procedures.

An electrical current (known as cathodic protection) runs constantly along the pipes to prevent corrosion, he said.

The company flies the pipeline route by helicopter once a week to check it, he said, though regulations require once every two weeks, he said.

An inline inspection device is sent down the lines at least every five years (as required by regulations) to check for problems from the inside of the pipe, he said.

Wilson said PMPL has won several industry environmental safety awards in the past two years. Pipelines, he said, are the safest way to transport oil.

Activists also say the oil would be transported under higher pressure than usual, increasing the risk of pipe failure. Wilson said the pipe is designed to operate at a certain pressure, and dilbit would be transported below that level.

As for the Kalamazoo spill, he said, "That failure did not have anything to do with the commodity. It was a metallurgical issue."

Wilson was asked about activism against pipelines as part of a larger effort to move the world toward alternative energies.

He said reaching that goal someday would be "wonderful." But, he said, it would take a long time to reach that level of energy production and still maintain the lifestyle to which people are accustomed. "In the meantime, he said, "Can't we work together to make it the safest possible?"

(For more background on the dilbit issue, see Bethel Citizen 7/12/12 article at www.bethelcitizen.com/news/news/2012/07/12/speaker-warns-local-tar-sands-oil-threat/16761)

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Bethel

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to participate in the meetings discussion when we arrived, to be sure of our understanding of how to communicate to the citizens and leaders of Bethel."

Wilson said his group was told they would be allowed to speak after Bethel citizens completed their comments, and only if two-thirds of the residents voted to allow non-residents to speak (a standard requirement).

"I must say when Bethel's own citizens were prevented from participating in the discussion I was taken aback by the meeting process," Wilson said. "I would like to state emphatically that we were trying desperately to have the opportunity to speak and we're surprised at the process preventing our ability to do so."

He said they raised their hands immediately when Iles called the question.

Wilson said the group had driven through very foggy conditions to attend.

He said that after the meeting "I was encouraged as to the genuine integrity and quality of the community as several of Bethel's citizens and leaders approached us after the meeting apologizing for how the meeting was conducted and how the process was manipulated to prevent our participation. They also were gracious to invite us to return for a fair opportunity to discuss this is-

sue, which we absolutely will be pleased to do. We are thankful and have the utmost respect for those leaders who expressed disappointment with the affair and assured us of the opportunity to return and speak to our neighbors in Bethel."

Everett said later he was surprised how quickly the motion to call the question was made. In hindsight, he said, he would have insisted on allowing alternate opinions.

He said he was aware there were people from out of town but did not specifically know they were oil industry representatives.

Contacted Monday, Iles was asked if he realized there were representatives present from the oil industry. He said he did not.

"I didn't know until you just told me," he said.

Iles said he called the question because there was a "void" in time after the first three speakers. "Nobody else was making any effort to say anything," he said, so rather than prolong the meeting, he made the motion.

Had he known the officials were there, he would have wanted to hear from them, he said.

Doar was asked Monday whether Wilson would have been told to wait to speak until after residents had had their turn.

"No one here would have told him, or anyone else, when to speak," said Doar.

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SWEETHEART SPECIALS

Thursday, February 14th

Blanco

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The poem shared images and sounds of life in America - including people going about the business of a day at work and school - and intertwined them with those of Blanco's own family. He concluded with a message of unity.

Blanco said some of the natural images he used in the poem had roots in Bethel. "The mountains, the sunrise I see every morning," he said.

The announcement of his choice as poet was made Jan. 9. On the 17th, he was off to Washington. The day before the ceremony Blanco went to the Capitol for a brief rehearsal and "sound check."

He said he benefited psychologically from having lived in Washington for three years. He was familiar with the city, "and I had been on the steps of the Capitol," he said.

Blanco stood on the platform set up for the inauguration and read a practice poem - about a beach.

A TV crew on the Mall in front of the Capitol was waiting to interview him and heard it.

At first they thought the poem was the inaugural composition, he said, and told him they liked it. He had to break the news it wasn't "the" poem.

Blanco said that while he felt some butterflies leading up to the big day, once he was on the platform with the president and all the other dignitaries, "your artistic persona, some other part of your brain, takes over. I felt like, 'Let's do it.'"

His reading would come after the president's Inaugural speech. As Blanco listened to the speech and thought of his poem, "it almost seemed like we were in cahoots," he said, because both pieces had themes of unity and conveyed the sense that "all of us are a vital part of our society."

Making his way to the podium, Blanco was greeted and encouraged by both the president and vice president. Although he doesn't recall exactly what either said, "I felt like they had my back," he said.

The reading went well. "I was thankful I didn't trip over the words," he said. And, he joked, "I didn't lip sync," referring to debate afterward over the singer Beyoncé lip-synching the National Anthem.

"I would have been more nervous if I was reading to 10 people right in front of me," said Blanco. On the platform, he said, "I couldn't see faces."

He said there was a bit of an adjustment to the sound delay between his words and the return applause of the audience. At the end of the poem, he started to walk back to his seat, "and then I heard the applause."

He remembers one of the Supreme Court justices telling him he did a good job. Singer James Taylor, who performed ahead of him, reached over and tapped him as he walked by, praising the poem. "I thought, 'OK, now I can die,'" said Blanco.

After the event media interviews, which started before the Inauguration, continued back-to-back.

"I was swept from one interview to another," he said. His only previous

media experience had come on public television and radio.

"It was interesting to see how TV works behind the scenes," he said.

Because of Blanco's Hispanic background, the requests for interviews came from both mainstream media and Hispanic networks.

The poet also found himself drawing attention as he walked around Washington. "People would come up and hug me," he said. "I felt they liked the poem. They would tell me anecdotes from their lives."

Since his return to Bethel, residents have treated him very respectfully and have not cornered him for long conversations, he said. "They're very polite. They tell me they liked the poem," he said.

He said "One Today" and perhaps the other two poems written for the Inaugural Committee will be published in the near future.

The requests for interviews, poetry readings and speaking engage-

ments continue to come in, he said. On Feb. 26, for instance, he will do a poetry reading at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

But Blanco is ready for the sudden change in his life brought about by writing a poem for a president.

"It's amazing what the experience does for your career," he said.

Why Bethel?

Blanco began writing serious poetry after first pursuing a career as a civil engineer in his hometown of Miami, Fla.

He enrolled in poetry classes in community college and found he had a talent for writing poetry.

Since then, he has taught at colleges and universities and written three poetry books that explore subjects including his family and his experience as a Cuban-American gay man. (For more on Blanco, see his website at www.richard-blanco.com.)

He moved to Bethel in 2009 with his partner, Mark.

How did Blanco end up living in rural Maine?

Mark, a consultant, had

a business relationship with a resident here, Blanco said, and they came to the area initially to visit.

They liked Bethel and, he said, "We thought it would be good to have a change of pace. And it's in my nature to explore."

Blanco said he fell in love with the property they bought, which overlooks the White Mountains.

But it's the people that have really sold him on Bethel.

"I love the people more than the town itself," he said. "I wasn't expecting such a great community. I felt a human connection - how we all need each other."

"I live in a close community of Cuban exiles. We had just left a country we could never go back to, and we needed to help each other. Bethel reminded me of that and made it more tangible."

Reception planned

A poetry reading by Blanco and a reception will take place Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. More details next week.

TV

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Blampied decided to take his work public by entering a video contest promoting the Lewiston-Auburn area. Titled "Pump Up the Positive," the competition sought entries that showed the twin cities in a favorable light.

He chose to make a black-and-white, silent film showcasing "Four Great Places Shoot a Movie in Lewiston and Auburn Maine." It followed a man around the cities as he checked out the four sites: Bates College, the Bates Mill, a pedestrian bridge and the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Blampied won third prize.

Then he started thinking about another project.

"Video is everywhere in society these days, but no

one has yet fully figured out how to create community journalism with it," he said. "There's plenty of video in communities with broadcast television stations, but in areas too small for their own TV stations, none or spotty efforts."

So he decided to try to fill that void.

Active in the Rumford community, he didn't need long to find some good story ideas.

This fall Blampied interviewed animal welfare volunteers in the River Valley, a magician/entertainer, and people trying to save the Peru Elementary School. He also came to Bethel for stories on the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum and the Androscoggin River's recovery from the pollution of

the past. He added commercials on businesses in Rumford, as well as Gourmet in a Pinch and Bethel Outdoor Adventure.

Blampied put the show on DVD and online. Over the next few weeks it drew 460 views online, and he sold 100 DVDs, he said. He hopes to build the online viewership to around 2,000.

"The trick is reaching people and getting them to watch, and I'm doing this with a combination of the Internet and DVDs," he said. "People are receiving it very well once they get past the confusion on what it is."

The winter edition features pieces on the effort by Andover to withdraw from SAD 44; horse-drawn wagon rides in Bethel; hoot night at the Sudbury Inn; a visit to a Rumford diner; an interview with a Rumford artist; a church singing group in Canton and snowshoe races in Mexico.

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Blampied is already at work on his spring edition, which he expects to be available in mid-April or early May.

"The program is a quarterly for the practical purposes of allowing people enough time to find and watch it, and allow me, as a one-man production staff, enough time to produce each successive edition," he said.

For more information and to see the shows go to www.todayrivervalley.com.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I have been pretty quiet lately about gas and oil prices. Gas seemed to be going down a bit and heating oil, though ridiculously high, at least wasn't going up. Now I just have to vent and I'm sure many of you feel the same way, so let me vent on your behalf as well.

I was a bit perturbed when I last got heating oil and found it has gone up a few cents a gallon. I didn't have a full out hissy fit because I had actually been expecting an increase long before now.

Then in my little corner of the world gas prices went up 20 cents a gallon in less than a week. Then I had a full out hissy fit and I'm still hissing.

I hissed a bit louder when I saw the headline in the newspaper last week, "Gas Prices Surge." The article stated that gasoline prices were getting an early start on the annual spring march to higher prices.

The very fact that the industry raises the rates in the spring no matter what really irks me. Hiss, hiss!

The reasons given for the surge were rising crude oil prices, slowing output at refineries that are undergoing maintenance and low supplies of gasoline.

These reasons may or may not be plausible. I have my doubts, but I have no choice but to take the oil industry's word. Hiss, hiss!

My doubts and my hissing turned up a notch with the headline in the newspaper the very next

day, "Cheap Oil Boosts Profits." What??? The article said, and I quote, "...the world's biggest energy company by market value said fourth quarter profits rose to a five-year high as growth

I have no doubt that at the end of the first quarter of 2013 this number-one energy company will still post a NET profit close to \$10 billion. That's NET, after expenses have been met. I know most of us don't experience much of a NET income because our expenses are pretty difficult to meet, but I think most of us are familiar with the concept.

Are you sharing my hissy fit yet? Well, let me continue...when the price of gasoline and heating oil go up the price on just about everything else goes up too. Anything manufactured or grown in this country and then transported are heavily dependent on oil and gasoline. The cost increase is passed onto us, the consumers. Hiss, hiss!

The Senate could demand a hearing to determine if there is substance to the high prices, but the last time that happened the big oil executives showed up in their Lear jets dressed in the \$2,000 Armani suits and whined about OPEC, the high cost of refining and how they'd love to help the American people, but they just couldn't afford it. Hiss, hiss!

I know there is nothing I can do about all of this. I have some ideas, but they're not legal so I'll refrain from implementing them. It does feel a little better to vent every now and then and I hope it helps you feel better too, but the way I see it at the rate of gas and oil increases, we're going to be having full out hissy fits for some time to come.

How can one quarter do so well because of cheap U.S. oil being in abundance to only a month later finding the industry sticking it to the American people based on "rising crude prices." Something just doesn't add up!

Big Hissy fit here!

ing supplies of cheap U.S. oil boosted margins from refining crude into fuels."

Did I miss something in the previous article? I'll be the first to admit that I don't understand the difference in how crude becomes gasoline or fuel oil, but I do understand that the reasons given for gasoline prices surging were rising crude prices, refinery maintenance and low supplies of gasoline. It said so right in the paper.

The very next day I read that cheap U.S. oil boosted margins from refining crude into fuels; that's plural as in gasoline and heating oil. Hiss, hiss!

The newspaper story went on to say, "NET income increased to \$9.95 billion from \$9.45 billion the previous quarter. Big Hissy fit here!

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CHAIN-REACTION CRASH A SAD 44 school bus was involved in a four-vehicle crash Friday afternoon on Route 2 in Hanover. According to police, the SAD 44 bus was stopped in the eastbound lane to let students off and two passenger vehicles were stopped behind it. A second bus, from Carrabassett Valley Academy, failed to stop and ran into one of the passenger vehicles. The chain reaction shoved one car into the other and that car into the Telstar bus. Fifteen students on the CVA bus and 12 on the Telstar bus were evaluated by ambulance crews from Med-Care, Bethel Rescue, Tri-Town Rescue, Andover Rescue and NorthStar Ambulance. They were released to their parents. Supt. Dave Murphy said the SAD 44 bus was carrying high and middle school students, and Andover was the ultimate destination. He said he did not know of any SAD 44 students taken to the hospital. An adult from one of the cars was taken to the hospital, according to police.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 29

At 7:22 p.m. a report was received of a suspicious vehicle at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned. The registration was saved on file.

At 9:30 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to a crash on the North Road in Bethel. At the time the weather was clear and road surface was snowy.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

At 1:19 a.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to a vehicle off the road on Route 26. He provided traffic control while two other motorists pushed the vehicle out.

At 9:28 a.m. Capt. Chris Wainwright conducted a concealed weapons background investigation on a Bethel resident.

At 2:35 p.m. a harassment complaint was received. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned. He tried to call two numbers provided. One was a wrong number and the other got no answer.

At 3:11 p.m. a caller on the West Bethel Road reported littering on his lawn. Deputy Nathan Bowie was assigned.

At 6:37 p.m. a juvenile was detained on Railroad Street for stealing candy at a business. Deputy Nathan Bowie was assigned. A parent picked the subject up.

Thursday, Jan. 31

At 8:32 a.m. information was received that a sex offender was possibly non-compliant with the state, and was late completing registration verification. Lt. Tom Harriman started an investigation.

At 12:41 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to a chimney fire on the East Bethel Road. He stayed with the homeowner until the Fire Department arrived.

At 8 p.m. a caller reported a relative was feeling threatened by statements made by another subject on a social media site.

Friday, Feb. 1

At 11:20 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 5 in Bethel for a single vehicle rollover with one occupant. The subject was taken to

Stephens Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

Saturday, Feb. 2

At 12:39 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to the Mayville Road for a report that someone had driven away with a fuel pump. Insurance information was exchanged.

Sunday, Feb. 3

At 1:13 a.m. a caller reported an intoxicated subject on Summer Street needing a ride home. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned.

At 7:19 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch and Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Railroad Street for a traffic accident. Two subjects coming from Vermont took the exit ramp at improper speed and because of icy conditions lost control and the vehicle ended up over the embankment. One subject was taken to CMMC by Bethel Rescue for reported back pain.

At 11:47 a.m. a caller reported someone posting on a social media site as a relative, even though the relative did not have an account. Deputy Dani Welch was assigned.

At 12:01 p.m. a caller reported that the night before a vehicle came into his driveway and backed out, knocking over a granite post. Deputy Dani Welch was assigned.

At 1:30 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch stopped a vehicle for failure to stop at a stop sign. There was an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The subject had a pipe with marijuana and rolling papers. Brent Scott, 31, of Woolwich was charged with having a usable amount of marijuana and paraphernalia.

At 11:12 a.m. a caller reported equipment stolen from a work site on Hall Road. Cpl. Chancey Libby was assigned.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations.



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The Appellants are appealing the Bethel Planning Board's approval of Extension of Site Plan Review Approval for a permit issued for the above facility on April 26, 2006.

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Briefly

SAD 44 expels two students

BETHEL—The SAD 44 School Board Monday voted to expel two secondary students in connection with a sprinkler incident at Telstar High School Jan. 11, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. The sprinklers were set off and caused some damage, he said. The students were expelled on the grounds the expulsions are necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school, said Murphy. The board also directed Murphy to give the students and the students' parents written notice of the district's findings and conclusions, to consult with the families to develop reentry plans for the students, and to provide the students and their parents with the conditions the administration will consider before recommending readmission of the students to school. "SAD 44 takes student discipline matters very seriously," said Murphy. "Providing a safe and productive learning environment for all of its students is one of the District's central goals."

Greenwood mill ex-supervisor pleads guilty to sexual abuse

(Tony Reaves, Sun Media Wire)

A Denmark man admitted in court last Thursday to stalking and sexually abusing a woman he supervised for nearly a year at Saunders Brothers Mill in Greenwood. Mark Hamlin, 58, pleaded guilty to one count of stalking and six counts each of indecent conduct and unlawful sexual touching. He will serve one year at the Maine Department of Corrections: six months each for indecent conduct and stalking. Three years of the sentence were suspended. He also was sentenced to three years for the unlawful sexual touching charges, all suspended. If he commits another crime after his release, he could serve those three years, according to the court. Hamlin was ordered to stay away from the woman and her family and he must receive sex-offender counseling. Four charges of indecent conduct, four charges of unlawful sexual touching and one count of assault were dropped in exchange for the guilty pleas. Hamlin was the production manager at the mill and the woman worked for him, according to Oxford County Superior Court records. Assistant District Attorney Richard Beauchesne said Hamlin sexually abused her and she was afraid she would lose her job if she didn't comply. The incidents occurred from June 2011 to May 2012, he said. It wasn't Hamlin's first conviction for such behavior. In 2001, he pleaded guilty in 9th District Court in Bridgton to assault and indecent conduct charges from a Fryeburg incident, but was not sentenced to sex-offender counseling in that case.

SAD 44 Elementary School Lunch - Week of Feb. 11
Monday: Crunchy chicken nuggets, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread, seasoned rice, seasoned peas, salsa, fresh fruit choice/mixed fruit.
Tuesday: School-made stuffed shells, or Sunbutter/jelly on WG bread, or tossed salad, 4-bean salad, banana, fruit.
Wednesday: Pizza w/WG crust, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread, or Caesar salad, orange wedges, raisins.
Thursday: Hamburger on WG roll, or Sunbutter/jelly on WG bread, green beans, crunchy cabbage and carrot slaw, ice cream cup, chilled peaches.
Friday: Breakfast sandwich, or Sunbutter/fluff on WG bread, hash brown oval/carrot sticks, applesauce, OJ.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

 Valentine's Day is almost here. If you're looking for different ways to

celebrate, here are a few ideas. All of them are free of charge. One of them is this afternoon. I know it's a week early for Valentine's, but for some of us this might be the most important event. Today (Thursday, Feb. 7) from 4:30 to 6 p.m., "To Your Health" is sponsoring a program on women and heart health at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The event celebrates American Heart Month. Dr. Daniel van Buren, a board certified cardiologist, will

talk about prevention, recognizing symptoms, and screenings for heart disease. The public is invited, admission is free, and light refreshments will be served. The snow date is Feb. 14.

A special Valentine's production, "For the Love of a Song II," will be performed at Norway Memorial Library on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Fifteen local singers will perform their favorite songs, including folk, show tunes, country, pop, and original music. The show is produced and hosted by Sally Jones. The show is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

On Valentine's Day, the women of the Bethel United Methodist Church will host their annual Valentine Tea from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel. The event is free and everyone is welcome. Responsible Pet Care, a no kill shelter and adoption facility for cats and dogs in Norway, is raising funds to purchase a much-needed new building for the shelter. The Building Fund has passed the half-way mark with \$227,591 raised. Funds are still desperately needed. If you'd like to make a tax-free donation, you can send a check to Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, PO Box 82, Norway, ME 04268.

In other business Tuesday, selectmen appointed Jerry Bernier to a two-year term on the Planning Board; continued work on preparing a warrant for the annual town meeting; asked Town Manager Vern Maxfield to price out a new boiler for the town office to possibly replace the 20-year-old oil-fired boiler; and discussed the possibility of creating a website for the town.

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Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Most people seem pleased that the temperature has decided to stay above zero. The warm weather we had helped the snow disappear quite a lot.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday and we were discussing what kind of images we were getting on the surveillance cameras. So far, there have been some turkeys during the day and a fox that visits at night.

Luella Cole called to say that Danny came home recently and is doing quite well. Get well wishes go out to Danny.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last Saturday night here at our house.

Hugh and I attended a birthday party last Sunday for Michele's father, Leo Croteau. Leo turned Seventy years old on Feb. 1.

Michele and her mother, Ann Croteau, planned the party at Pizza Hut. Those attending were Tim and Michele, Ajay Landry, Sidney Chapman; Leo and Ann's son and family, Paul and Tina Croteau and their son, Paul; Leo's brother and wife, Ken and Lynn Croteau; and Ann's brother, Tom. Leo and his brother, Ken, are seven years apart but they share the same date for their birthday, Feb. 1.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapml@hotmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Maine weather is always changing. After the Arctic blast

we had a break, warm days around 50 degrees and rain for most of last week. The rain and snow melt did bring more water into Howard Pond along with rivers and streams. Of course, the wind continued. This week there was more of the same. More wind and cold with most side roads and driveways covered with ice.

Have you noticed the snow? The warm weather changing to cold has frozen the snow into one of the best crusts in years. Anyone can hike all over fields and woods without slumping in at all. It makes a nice winter activity to hike at night in moonlight.

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A chain reaction accident took place on Route 2 (Main Street) in Hanover on Friday afternoon in Hanover Village. The crash involved two school buses and two passenger cars. One school bus that was unloading students was struck from behind after the second bus struck the passenger cars pushing them into the front bus. Three students received injuries among the 27 passengers aboard the two buses along with one passenger from the automobiles. Responding to the crash were five ambulance services, Rumford Fire Department, State Police and the Oxford County Sheriffs Department.

Injuries were not considered life threatening after patients were taken to Rumford Hospital. Ambulance personnel and firemen evaluated all students before they were released to travel home. Route 2 was closed to traffic while clean-up took place and the busy Friday afternoon traffic was backed up from the Ellis River Bridge in Rumford to well west of Hanover Village.

Brian Worcester had his three daughters for the weekend. Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala enjoyed walking on the frozen snow and went for a ride with their Dad.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at

10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Prayer Meeting. On Feb. 16 will be a Valentine dinner at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on Sunday, Feb. 3, or let them know you are coming. Feb. 17 is "Heritage Sunday."

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, Feb. 11, at the home of Alice Hoyt. Valentines will be written to veterans.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today, Feb. 7, at the Town Conference Room at 11:30. Potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share, plus your own place setting. Program is a silent auction. Please bring an item for that. Dues are due at the meeting.

The Grange is putting on a Chowder Supper at the Woodstock Elementary School in benefit of the monument fund enlargement of the honor roll. More information next week. Please plan

to attend this fundraiser and support a good cause. Chowder, desserts, rolls, etc.

The program at the Whitman Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb 14, at 2 p.m. will be Charlotte Winchester doing a holiday craft. Supplies will be provided. Open to the public

23. Next week I will have details.

Don't forget the free public luncheon being put on by the People In Action group to be held at the CEB dining room on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at noon. The Food Pantry will also be open on that day from 9-10 a.m.

I overheard a conversation the other day which reminded me of our free Winter Fitness program that takes place on several days of the week at the Andover Elementary School Gym.

The Fitness Club meets on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. They are working on Zumba, kick boxing and other cardio work-outs. If that schedule doesn't fit your time frame, you could try the Walk Away the Pounds with Leslie Sansone program with Denise Hurd on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The best part about these programs is that they are free and you don't have to leave town to participate.

Even though it is February and the temperature often hovering around zero, the thoughts of spring are never far away from us, particularly those of us who love to be out digging in the dirt, known as gardening. On March 14 at 6 p.m., there will be a special program at the CEB which is open to the public entitled, The Spirituality of Gardening. The presenter will be Rev. Virginia Rickeman who is a Master Gardener.

Annual Town Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 16, with voting for officers on Tuesday, March 19. As it becomes available, I'll have more information on the articles to be presented to the voters for approval or rejection.

If you have news from your club or organization, please e-mail me at jcrich@megalink.net.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood-Woodstock Transfer Station was the subject of local

scrutiny lately. The Transfer Station Committee, which consists of the Greenwood Selectmen and the Woodstock Selectmen, met recently to review the budget for the coming year. The 2013 budget has been set at \$150,512. This

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is paid through property taxes from the two towns. Woodstock pays 60 percent and Greenwood pays 40 percent. These figures are based on population.

According to 2000 population data, Woodstock's population is 1,307 and Greenwood's is 1,302. There was a lot more lost than just a building in West Paris.

Bald eagles are showing up on North Pond to eat the fish remains left by the folks who have been ice fishing. Ravens and crows are doing the same on South Pond. Bird treats.

It is February and we are over the hump of winter. There is roughly an hour and 15 minutes more daylight now than there was at the winter solstice (Dec. 21). The bitterly cold January weather has a hard time following us past the first few days of this month. And, the good news for those of us who enjoy winter activities, February can be our snowiest month.

The seed catalogs arrived back in January, and, like many gardeners, I thumbed through each of them and mentally planted flowers and vegetables that I do not normally plant. Many folks seem to do this same thing. Last month a friend mentioned she was thinking about a large and beautifully blooming rose garden at their home. While that may not happen this summer, I suspect several rose bushes will appear at their home this year.

Maybe the doldrums of January push us into using our imaginations to create a more pleasant world for ourselves. A little imagination, a little creativity, and, voila, a rose garden is born of such a month.

You can send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Now that the Oxford County commissioners have settled the issue of maintenance of Tyler Road in Mason, logging has begun in earnest on national forest land near the end of that road. I hear mechanical harvesting machines running up the Pleasant River valley before daylight in the mornings, and logging trucks make several trips daily with their huge

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First Annual Cause for Laughter

Support for "Cause for Laughter" continues to grow exponentially as the event draws near. "It is so heartwarming to see the enthusiastic support for two young children who simply can't help themselves. This community really knows how to come together and shine," commented Kate Carroll, founder of the event. Kate is also one of three accomplished comedic acts that will perform at the over-21 event on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Hosted by the Mount Abram Ski Resort, doors will open at 6 p.m. for viewing of the auction and raffle items.

"I am really excited with the variety and quality of the auction and raffle items we have received so far," stated Laurie Heron, committee member, sponsor and owner of Royal River Graphics. "We have everything from a signed Patriots football to a fishing trip, original Sunday River trail signs, a gas grill, a cord of wood and so much more."

Between the auction and raffle items, there is definitely something for everyone."

The event committee gratefully acknowledges their sponsors: Mt. Abram Ski Resort, Rooster's Road House, Royal River Graphics, Stagecoach Shuttle, and Atlantic Tent Company. Kate Carroll stated, "I can't say enough about our sponsors, without them this event would not have been possible. Also I am thankful for all of the people who donated items and supported us while we were trying to pull this event together. It is wonderful to have so many community members involved."

The entertainment includes a recently added act, The Teacher's Lounge Mafia, an improv group which is comprised of teachers from the Farmington area. Also performing will be local resident Kate Carroll, Bethel's reigning Last Comic Standing champion, and Jordan Handren Seavey, the winner of Portland's Funniest Professional Comic.

A \$20 admission ticket to the event includes a \$20 voucher toward a lift ticket to Mt. Abram. Tickets will be available at the door. Stage Coach Shuttle will be providing service to and from Mt. Abram from the Sunday River/Bethel area for the evening for \$10 round trip. FMI: (207) 357-5783.

The Tucker and Ava Fund was established to help two children that have been in Kate's life since they were born. Colleen, the late grandmother of these two children, was

a close lifetime friend of Kate's. Kate's final promise to Colleen was to be there for her daughters and their children if they ever needed anything. Both children, diagnosed with autism, need to travel extensively for services, but Tucker has other major medical problems such as a rare mitochondrial disease which is treated in Boston. This disease has caused many problems, some of which include life threatening digestive issues, holes in his heart, liver and kidney failure, and autism. His most recent battle has been toxic anemia; requiring surgery and regular infusions at Maine Children's Cancer Program, treatment is expected to be lifelong.

You can learn more about these children and their difficult journey through life by viewing <http://www.youtube.com/>

SeniorsPlus to be in Greenwood

SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be at the Greenwood Town Office, Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Norway Town Hall, Feb. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m., and the Rumford Town Office, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

All events are FREE and open to the public. For further information and to make an appointment call SeniorsPlus at (800) 427-1241.

SeniorsPlus is a private nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to enrich the lives of seniors and adults with disabilities. SeniorsPlus believes in supporting the independence, dignity and quality of life of those we serve. It serves as the local Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties, and provides a network of support, information, services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. For more information, visit www.seniorsplus.org or call 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241.

Whitman Library program

On Thursday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond, Charlotte Winchester will be leading a holiday craft program. Supplies will be provided. Charlotte has led successful craft programs in the past. Come and join the



Maxi and Mini: Recent Work by Lindsay Coats - Gould Academy will host an art exhibit titled "Maxi and Mini" by artist Lindsay Coats. The public is invited to the Owen Art Gallery for an opening reception on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Her work consists of paintings, collages, and drawings in which she uses lichen, topographical map, cloud, and clear plastic containers as references. The exhibit will be on view through Saturday, March 2. Lindsay Coats is from New Boston, New Hampshire and teaches in the Foundations Department at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire. She received her Master of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Art from University of California, Davis, a Post-Bacalaureate Certificate in Painting from Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, and her Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. While living in Eureka, Calif. she was an Adjunct Professor at the College of the Redwoods and Education Manager at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. She was represented in Eureka, Calif. by Piente Gallery where she had two solo shows. Her work appeared at the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara, Calif., in the "Drawing: Visions, Surfaces, and Beyond" group show. Lindsay also participated in "Visionshift! Art in the Age of Climate Change," an open group show at the Santa Fe Art Institute. (Gould Academy photo)

fun. The public is invited at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs will feature Carol Welch in March talking about the complexities of adoption and Jennifer Locke in April sharing her expertise in Mandala art.

Eat Well Volunteers

Do you love to cook and talk about food? Do you enjoy volunteering and making a difference in your community? The University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Oxford County, is looking for applicants to become Eat Well Volunteers.

Participants will receive 30 hours of research-based training on areas such as recipe demonstration, basic nutrition, cooking techniques, food safety plus working with diverse audiences. In exchange, volunteers will take their skills to local food pantries providing on-site demonstrations and education.

"This is a great opportunity for people to share their love of food and cooking with others" says Barbara Murphy, Extension Educator. Training will take place on Tuesdays from 11-2 from April 2-June 4 at the Oxford County Extension office in South Paris. Course fee is \$110; scholarships are

available.

To learn more about the program or to request an application, please call the Extension office at 743-6329 or e-mail Lesley Quick, Administrative Assistant at lesley.quick@maine.edu.

A new pest threat to berry crops

Growers of raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, peaches and other soft-skinned fruit, beware!

There is a new pest in town. The spotted wing Drosophila is a new type of fruit fly that attacks ripening fruit while still on the plant resulting in larvae-infested mature fruit. "This pest is a game-changer" says David Handley, Small Fruit Specialist for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

To help both backyard and commercial growers learn about this pest and what can be done to minimize damage, David Handley will present the latest data on the fruit fly at the South Paris Extension office on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration is requested by calling the Extension office at 743-6329 or e-mailing Lesley Quick, Administrative Assistant at lesley.quick@maine.edu.

Black Bear Industries received a huge game from Josh Albee with his 39 points (8 threes). Cory Provencher followed that with 15 points, Craig Jacques had 14, and Kevin Prevost 13. The Thundercats' Mike LeClerc hit four threes and led his team with 20 points while Jessie Cross hit the highlight reel with 18 points of his own.

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Great Maine Outdoor Weekend

Hundreds of Mainers are expected to join in the Maine Outdoor Coalition's third Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, February 15-18, 2013, enjoying a wide variety of winter activities statewide. Community groups, land trusts and businesses around Maine are hosting more than 50 events, most of them free and at an introductory level.

Participants can opt for a snowshoeing, ice skating, cross-country skiing, or try their hand at winter tree identification, animal tracking or one of six ice-fishing events. For those seeking less typical winter activities, there's a short bike/run/sled triathlon in Sanford, a bird-watching cruise on Casco Bay, a wood duck nesting box installation in Unity, or a twilight ski tour at Acadia National Park. There are also plenty of family fun days with snowman making and hot cocoa.

Maine Outdoor Coalition is a group of organizations and companies working together to connect more

Sports

TMS Boys Varsity Basketball

Telstar 54, Mt. Valley 50; Feb. 4 - The Telstar Middle School Varsity Boys improved their record to 5-4 with a victory over the Mt. Valley Hawks. With their biggest point output of the season and their "never give up" attitude, it was a very exciting game. Jarrett Bean led the team with 20 points, Jeremiah Richardson and Matthew Bennett added 9 points each. - Coach Tim O'Connor.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

With speed, grace, and athleticism, the Laid Back Installers dominated a depleted Bethel Bobcats, and all but secured first place with two games remaining in the regular season. Last year's winners showed their championship pedigree with a sound 86-65 victory. Now 9-1, LBI suffered their only loss to the 8-2 Hotel Rumford team, who are now entrenched in second place. Barring an unlikely major upset, both should secure first round byes in the playoffs. Bethel is now 7-3, and looks to finish third and host a first round prelim game.

The Laid Back Installers started out strong and developed a lead right away that they never relinquished. Eric Canwell was his usual dominant force with 31 points, including three from behind the arc. Chris Baxter had a strong inside game and was next with 24 points, followed by Owen Jones with 11. Bethel was led by Matt Zettts with 21 points. Ryan Savage chipped in 16 points, and Wade Osgood had 12.

In the other two games, Hotel Rumford defeated Archie's (2-8) 75-52 in easy fashion. Black Bear Industries (4-6) trounced the Thundercats (0-10) 95-60.

Hotel Rumford had balanced scoring and saw Aaron St. Pierre finish with 21 points on seven threes before leaving the game with a hamstring injury. Andy Shorey, Jr. and Kevin Gallant (5 threes) helped with 19 points each, followed by Scott New with 12. Archie's got top performances from Mike Holmquist with 23 points (3 threes) and Brett Archibald with 16 points.

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Church Services

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Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor, Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m.,

breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walker's Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2882.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept. May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in

the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2882.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on-Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0550.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882. **Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor** Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m. FMI: 824-8939.

na Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

LOCKE MILLS **Locke Mills Union** - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9-10 a.m. Bible study at the church is

every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

RUMFORD POINT **Rumford Point Church** - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

WEST PARIS **First Universalist Church** - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wal-

lace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK **Bryant Pond Baptist** - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Grég Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library.

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Front: Russell Cushman, Ryan Beckerman, Colby Marriott, McKinley Braley. Back: Blake Rothwell, Brett Hastings, Kyle Morin, Bradley Lessard, Aaron Vermette, Tom Watson, Coach Jim Rose.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2012-2013 GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL
Front: Maria Rodriguez, Selina Creelman, Hannah Evans, Nicole Berry. Middle: Hattie Doyle, Elizabeth McLeod, Nicole Tribble, Katie Turnick, Tiffany Waterhouse. Back: Julia Cherkis, Alivia Chappie, Sadie Richardson, Madison Roberts, Brooke Richardson, Makayla Rice, Coach Dave Berry.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2012-2013 GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL
Front: Morgan Prentice, Wynter Morin, Natasha Hart, Kylene Martin, and Payton Abbott. Back: Coach Josh Onorato, Tehya Johnson, Caitlin Haines, Bailey Daniels, Faith Tribble, Annika Mitchell, Asst. Coach Dave Berry.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2012-2013 ALPINE SKIING
Front: Ella Blair, Lily Drew, Anna Rosso, Shelby Cowin. Middle: Tristen Lilly, Joseph Dillon, Josie Forbes, Max Godomsky, Paige Dutterer. Back: Coach Megan McCarthy, Captain Josh Elliot, Ali Turnick, James Newkirk, Luke Davis, Kellen True, Alice Pelletier, Zoe Bean, Maddox Ormiston, Alex Duclos.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2012-2013 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Kneeling: Lilo Bean, Joseph Dillon, Victoria Harnel, Donnie Seib, Marta Opie. Middle: Koley True, Lily Weaver, Mia Shifrin, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Duncan Forbes. Back: Coach Kirk Siegel, Josh Elliot, Ben Alford, Marcus Wentworth, Lavinia Clarke, Aliah Connolly, Sam Weaver, Leah Angevine, Coach Wade Kavanaugh.

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District Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Winter items needed. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel, Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Thursday, Feb 7 - Saturday, Feb 9

Annual Mellie Dunham Festival, sponsored by Western Foothills Land and Trust and Norway Downtown. Introduction of the Mellie Dunham Exhibit on the Maine Memory Network, Friday, 7 p.m. Outdoor snowshoeing activities for all ages and snowshoe race Saturday at the Roberts Farm Preserve followed by Contra Dances and a lasagna supper (\$7/person) at the Norway Grange Hall. FMI: Western Foothills Land and Trust (739-2124).

Thursday, Feb. 7

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Good Strong Heart: Women and Heart Disease**, presented by cardiologist, Dr. Daniel van Buren, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Public invited. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **WinterFest Kick-Off Party**, 22 Broad Street.

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Woodstock PTA Meeting**, Woodstock School. Planning for Valentine Family Dance. Childcare will be provided.

6:30 p.m. - **Thursday Night Documentary and Dessert Film Series, "Symphony of the Soil"** presented by the Local Food Connection at Café DiCocoa (next to the market). FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189) or (aefscott@gmail.com).

6:30 to 8 p.m. - **Maxi and Mini Exhibit Opening**, Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy. Artist Lindsay Coats teaches in the Foundations Department at the New Hampshire Institute of Art. Her work consists of paintings, collages, and drawings. The exhibit will be on view through Saturday, Mar. 2.

Friday, Feb. 8

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Valentine Family Dance**, multi-purpose room, Woodstock Elementary School. Good music, games, and refreshments. All family members are invited.

Saturday, Feb. 9

All Day - **Sledding on Snowcano Hill**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. Bring your own sleds and sled at your own risk. Open to the public.

9 a.m. - **State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting** at the Upton House.

1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**, Oxford County Extension Center, South Paris. Speaker: President of Maine State Bee Association and Master Bee Keeper, Carol Cottrell. Topic: Wintering bees. Public is welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farroot@roadrunner.net).

6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society Meeting**, Town complex. Woodstock is gearing up to celebrate its bicentennial in 2015. As part of the preparation, Larry Bonney will present a program on the town's early years. Program and light refreshments to follow the 6 p.m. business meeting. All are welcome.

7 p.m. - **First Annual Cause for Laughter at Mt. Abram**. Performances by comedians Kate Carroll, Jordan Handren, and Mike Metevier. Auction, raffle, and 50/50. Proceeds to benefit the "Tucker and Ava Fund." A 21+ event. Admission: \$20 (includes \$20 voucher toward a Mt. Abram lift ticket). FMI: Kate Carroll (824-2145) or Sue Dunn (838-9808). Stage Coach Shuttle will provide service to and from Mt. Abram for those in the Sunday River/Bethel area for \$10. FMI: 357-5783.

7 p.m. - **Award Winning Magician Illusionist** George Saterial, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg, \$8/adults, \$4/children. FMI/Ticket purchases: www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or 935-9232.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance**, Oxford Hills Middle School, South Paris. Darrel Sprague calling for the square dancing and Carol Stewart Arsenault cueing for the round dancing. Refreshments, door prizes, and a Pot O' Gold drawing at intermission. Admission: \$6. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050).

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting, Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 3pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterville Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

Andover Library:
Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Saturday 1-4:30 pm;
Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm.
Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:
Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5;
Wednesday 1-8; Thursday
& Friday 1-5 Saturday,
9-1. Story Hour Thursdays,
9 to 10 a.m., October
to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Chocolate Festival, Bethel Inn and Country Club. Sample delicious chocolate desserts with coffee or hot cocoa. Admission: \$5. Proceeds to benefit Telstar Class of 2013.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Alan Day Community Garden**

Organizational Meeting, Fare Share Commons, Norway. Organic bulk seed order. Sign up for garden plots. Projects and workshops.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

9 to 10 a.m. - **Andover Food Pantry is open**.

12 p.m. - **Free Public Luncheon** by People in Action, CEB dining room, Andover.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Local Food Connection Meeting**, Lakeside Lodge, Bryant Pond 4-H Center. All are welcome. FMI: Amy Scott (aefscott@gmail.com) or (357-2189).

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **TMS Mid-Year Open House**. Meeting in the Telstar auditorium before breaking out into grade-level meetings.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging** will be at the Greenwood Town Office to answer questions/address concerns. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting (Location Change)**. The meeting will be held at the Black Diamond instead of the Funky Red Barn. Menu: Turkey dinner. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

6 p.m. - **Public Hearing for Proposed Bethel Dog Park**, Bethel Town Office.

Thursday, Feb. 14

7 p.m. - **One Billion Rising - Moving Our World - Rise Up and Dance to End Violence**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum.

2 p.m. - **Holiday Craft Program led by Charlotte Winchester**, Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Come and join the fun! The public is invited at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, Feb. 15

6 p.m. - At Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy: Poetry reading with Inaugural poet Richard Blanco, followed by a reception. More details next week, or FMI e-mail info@mahousarts.org.

Grant/Grant Program Workshop, Gould Academy's Ordway Hall. Sponsored by the Mahousuc Arts Council and the Maine Arts Commission. Free of charge. Includes lunch. Limited to 12 participants working through six 15-minute segments.

Saturday, Feb. 16

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Free Ice Fishing and Guided Snowshoeing**, Lake Christopher. Equipment and bait provided by Orion Outfitters and Guide Service. Learn basic ice fishing skills or join naturalists for a guided snowshoe hike to the summit of Mt. Christopher. FMI/Registration: 665-2068.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Child Safety Seat Inspection**, Norway Fire Department. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free hands-on seat inspections.

10 a.m. - **Guided Snowshoe Trek**, Sunday River Valley. Gentle walk featuring naturalist Rick Churchill's observations. Snowshoes necessary. Rentals available. Meet at the Sunday River Inn. Parking across the street.

5 p.m. - **Upton Ladies Aid Dinner**, Ladies Aid Building Upton. Dinner will feature German fare.

5 p.m. - **Oxford County Republican Committee Lincoln Day Dinner**, Four Season Function Center, South Paris. Guest speaker: Former Massachusetts Republican Senator, Scott Brown. Tickets for the event are \$45 and include a full buffet dinner and copy of Scott Brown's book, "Against All Odds." FMI/tickets: Kathleen Jackson (890-7585) or visit oxfordcountygop.org.

6:30 p.m. - **Snowcano Eruption**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. The Snowcano is a bonfire built inside a huge snow pile — when lit, the flames and sparks create a volcano-effect. Free and open to the public.

Monday, Feb. 18

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - **Safe Sitter Class**, Harper

Conference Building, Ripley Medical Office Building, Norway. Medically accurate, hands-on instructional program to teach babysitters ages 11+ to handle emergencies. Safe Sitters learn: Infant and child CPR, choking procedure, how to call for emergency help, basic child care skills, and more. Cost: \$50. FMI/registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

5 to 7 p.m. - **Federal Bureau of Prisons Job Fair**, Berlin New Hampshire Employment Security Office, 151 Pleasant Street. Berlin FCI needs to hire approximately 100 qualified staff to bring the facility to full activation status over the coming year. Eligibility/pre-employment requirements: Background investigation. Citizenship. Most positions must be hired prior to 37th birthday.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

1 to 4 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging** will be at Norway Town Hall to answer questions/address concerns. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Living With Alzheimer's for Caregivers**, presented by Alzheimer's Association program director, Bill Kirkpatrick at the Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. RSVP to Sue Ellen Richardson (364-7863).

Thursday, Feb. 21

6:30 p.m. - **Thursday Night Documentary and Dessert Film Series "What's on Your Plate?"** presented by the Local Food Connection at Café DiCocoa (next to the market). FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189) or (aefscott@gmail.com).

Friday Feb. 22 - Sunday, Feb. 24

Becoming an Outdoors Woman Winter Skills Weekend, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center. Workshop provides opportunities for participants to complete three sessions, choosing topics including winter survival, snowshoeing, ice fishing, archery, cooking wild game, and more. Registration: \$145, includes meals, equipment, and instruction. Commuters only. FMI/registration contact Emily MacCabe at 462-1017 or emily.maccabe@maine.gov or visit <http://www.mainebow.com>.

Saturday, Feb. 23

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Free Snowshoe Demos** courtesy of True North Adventure. An easy snowshoe walk will depart Festival Plaza at 1 p.m.

1 to 3 p.m. - **Free Snow Groomer Rides**, leaving from Festival Plaza, provided by GreenStock SnowSports snowmobile club.

6 p.m. - **Bethel Winterfest RAILWARS Snowano Rail Jam**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. See some of the area's best freestyle skiers and snowboarders show off their best moves under the lights.

6 p.m. - **Ski Talk**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Church supper followed by Scott Andrews' presentation of "Schuss-Boom and Schuss-Bust," a slideshow of the history of skiing in Maine. Cost: \$8.

Monday, Feb. 25

4 to 5 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Winter Sports Awards**, Telstar Auditorium.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging** will be at the Rumford Town office to answer questions/address concerns. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

2:30 p.m. - **Autism Forum Presented by Aimee Cecile-DesRoches**, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Gather at Hope Association in pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments, and support for Maine children and adults with autism. FMI call 364-4561 or visit drcreme.org.

Friday, Mar. 1

6 p.m. - **Dinner and a Movie**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Dinner will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a dessert or snack. Donations will be accepted to defray cost of the evening.

6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Activity Night**, Telstar Auditorium, gym, and cafeteria. Open to grades 6-8.

7:30 p.m. - **Roomful of Blues**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Inspired by the spirit of the groundbreaking bands of the post-WWII decade.

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EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

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Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

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MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional,

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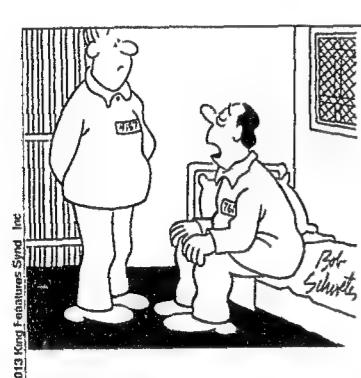
Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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TRIPLE ALLIANCE

ACROSS	46	"Take — song and make it better"	98	Ovine female	9	— touch of class (creates some style)	47	Bagged midday meal	88	Prevaricates	
1	Clumsy guy	4	Sticky green pods	99	Gauche (Paris' Left Bank)	10	"Ben —"	48	Brand of frozen fries	89	Eye: Prefix
4	Billy, Don't Be —" (1974 pop hit)	9	Waiting for Lefty"	100	Pacific island	11	Psyche section	49	1959 film)	90	Columnist Maureen
9	Instrument panel part	14	[Family, Toli, Crying]	103	Handled clumsily	12	Nader and Lauren	50	Iridescent gem	91	"It's — real"
14	Most disorderly	19	Srs. lobby	104	Suffix with host	13	Being borrowed	51	R&B singer India, —	92	Alan of "M*A*S*H"
19	"Max — Returns" (1983 film)	21	"Max — Returns" (1983 film)	105	[Bing, Quiet, Ogden]	14	Showed awe	52	"Much — surprise ..."	93	Information repository
21	Instrument panel part	22	Harass	110	Whack down	15	Folk rocker DiFranco	53	Humor writer Bombeck	94	Spy's device
22	Most disorderly	23	[Arrest, Omit, Bun]	111	Joan of rock	16	"End of citation"	54	Three of —	95	Open affirmations
23	Stimulate	25	Stimulate	112	Pretense	17	Eplause	55	Luau wear	100	TV "Science Guy"
25	Some bills	26	Some bills	113	"I goofed"	18	Having no sight organs	56	1959 film)	101	Star-related
27	"for Innocent" (Sue Grafton novel)	27	"for Innocent" (Sue Grafton novel)	114	Author Calvino	19	— "daisy!"	57	1959 film)	102	Gives voice to
28	Com cake	28	Com cake	115	[Bing, Quiet, Ogden]	20	— "daisy!"	58	Luau wear	103	Fox Trot
30	Clickable address	29	Clickable address	116	Author	21	26th letter	59	1959 film)	104	World War II general
31	[Lofty, Sullen, Seemly]	31	[Lofty, Sullen, Seemly]	117	Author	22	August gripe	60	26th letter	105	George
35	TV announcer Hall	32	TV announcer Hall	118	Garnet, Milky, Sad)	23	26th letter	61	26th letter	106	Tennis: Borg
41	Lawman Wyatt's family	42	French river	119	Garnet, Milky, Sad)	24	Suffy with no-good	62	August gripe	107	"The Wizard of Oz" actor
42	French river	43	Chief Ouray's tribe	120	Bravery	25	SSW's opposite	63	Product plugs	108	Bart and others
43	Chief Ouray's tribe	44	Virgo	121	Thundering	26	Be winning	64	Pull hard	109	Exotic juice
44	Preceder	45	Preceder	122	Eight-faced	27	32 Be winning	65	Nukes and such	110	Brand
45	"— sting like	46	"— sting like	123	Computer printer brand	28	32 Be winning	66	Sister and wife of Zeus	111	Untarnished
				124	Printer brand	29	32 Be winning	67	Electric fan's noise	112	Chair
				125	Bravery	30	32 Be winning	68	Maker of Asteroids	113	English
				126	Thundering	31	32 Be winning	69	Former U.N. head Kofi	114	lav
				127	Eight-faced	32	32 Be winning	70	Product plugs	115	favor for
				128	Computer printer brand	33	32 Be winning	71	Pull hard	116	120 Rebel Tyler
				129	Bravery	34	32 Be winning	72	Nukes and such	117	Prefix with hazard
				130	Original	35	32 Be winning	73	Sister and wife of Zeus	118	Safari truck, for short
				131	Filming spot	36	32 Be winning	74	Electric fan's noise	119	— favor for
				132	Film spot	37	32 Be winning	75	Maker of Asteroids	120	120 Rebel Tyler
				133	Film spot	38	32 Be winning	76	Former U.N. head Kofi	121	Prefix with hazard
				134	Film spot	39	32 Be winning	77	Product plugs	122	Safari truck, for short
				135	Film spot	40	32 Be winning	78	Pull hard	123	No. to Scots
				136	Film spot	41	32 Be winning	79	Nukes and such	124	UPS competitor
				137	Film spot	42	32 Be winning	80	Sister and wife of Zeus		
				138	Film spot	43	32 Be winning	81	Electric fan's noise		
				139	Film spot	44	32 Be winning	82	Maker of Asteroids		
				140	Film spot	45	32 Be winning	83	Former U.N. head Kofi		
				141	Film spot	46	32 Be winning	84	Product plugs		
				142	Film spot	47	32 Be winning	85	Pull hard		
				143	Film spot	48	32 Be winning	86	Nukes and such		
				144	Film spot	49	32 Be winning	87	Sister and wife of Zeus		
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				168	Film spot	73	32 Be winning	111	Former U.N. head Kofi		
				169	Film spot	74	32 Be winning	112	Product plugs		

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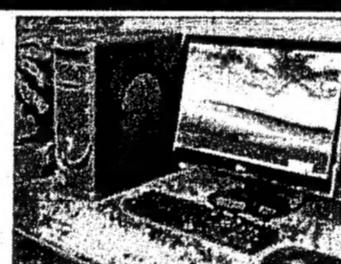
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Obituaries

JANIS BUCK

Janis Buck, 72, of West Paris, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013 at her home.

She was born in West Paris, July 28, 1940, the daughter of Gerre and Elizabeth Whitman Cox. She married Edward Buck and had been a homemaker all of her life and had been employed at local shoe shops.

She is survived by her long-time companion, Elmer Leroy Durgin; a son, Michael Buck; a daughter, Theresa Buck; three grandchildren, Krista Buck, Aarika Buck and Alisha Buck; and several great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

WESLEY A. WEYMOUTH

Wesley A. Weymouth, 65, of Waterford, passed away quietly after battling cancer on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at the Hospice House of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

He was born in Indiana, Oct. 2, 1947, son of Albert and Delma Gayle (Confer) Weymouth. He was a member of the The American Rifle Association. He enjoyed hunting, construc-

tion work and motorcycles. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; son, Gene Weymouth and wife Angie of Woodstock; daughters, Tammy Bennett and husband, Bryan of Waterford and Terry "Tess" Weymouth and fiancé Dan Judkins of Waterford; two sons, Terry Caldwell of Brunswick and Christopher Caldwell of Gelana, Kan.; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Greg Weymouth and wife Nancy of Norway.

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Visit www.onebillionrising.org and learn the steps to "Break the Chain," which will be the closing song of the event!

This dance revolution will be held Feb. 14, 2013 at the Forum in Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris at 7 p.m. Adults are \$5 and children 12 and under \$3; money raised will be used to continue to raise awareness.

REACH has asked for support from local churches to ring their bells for one minute at 1 p.m. WOVO will be raising awareness and will be broadcasting on what the local community is doing

to support One Billion Rising.

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Grant applications available

The Stephens Community Healthcare Foundation has announced that the application for a grant from the Foundation is now available on the Western Maine Health website at www.wmhcc.org.

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The day that Kristie went, Dottie B. came up the road leading four-month-old Sunset Telstar, a registered Morgan of Lippitt breeding that she had just bought. He was a scrawny, sickly little creature (he grew up to have beautiful action and infinite stamina) and made company in the barn for Brigadoon, who refused to eat for three days, mourning his lost friend. Was this any reflection upon the constancy of the sexes? Kristie never missed any departed stall mate. Brigadoon was an ex-polo horse whom B.B. had bought in the spring, a beautiful chestnut, a rag doll in the pasture and about the barn, and a hellion under saddle.

During the summer he had been pastured on the Godwin's island in the Androscoggin with their gray mare. The island had been cultivated once, later hayed. The grass was lush and nutritious. There was a bend in the river where the current was very slow. The horses could go back and forth into the Godwin's pasture but they always stayed on the island. The one day that they wandered off it made trouble. B.B. came home that night after eight o'clock utterly exhausted and bedraggled. It was a forewarning to me that light horses could be a nuisance as well as a joy.

The Godwin's neighbor kept beef cattle. He had put up that day a new fence around his pasture and enclosed also the two horses who did not belong there. Oakley had expected to catch them up easily, lead them back to their own pasture but the horses refused to be caught, raced and chased the cattle. B.B. went to help him fence in the island to insure their remaining there the rest of the summer. The boat had been broken but even so had sunk and both men went into the river. This was no real problem (It was a rare 85-degree day). They had borrowed another boat, built the fence, and gone back to catch the horses.

They were still perverse; the devil seemed to have captured their usually docile souls. Finally Oakley's gray mare jumped the fence and swam over to the island. Brigadoon, left behind, was in despair. He kept racing up to the fence but was so well broken that he did not dare cross it. B.B. was proud of his training success but by now Brigadoon had only one thought, to join his friend; it was impossible to get his attention. Finally he charged pell-mell down the very steep bank where there was no fence. B.B. expected him to at least break a leg, but nothing could be done. The devil took care of his own; he did not hurt himself, swam with ease across the swift part of the current, emerged on the island, shook himself and began to graze. Now would he try coming back again someday? B.B. decided to forget it. If he drowned in the current, he would. If he made it into the neighbor's pasture, the neighbor had been given permission to shoot him. But Brigadoon had had his fling; he never left the island again until time to come home. He was much admired by many passers-by who wanted to buy him.

The Stephens Community Healthcare Foundation is a nonprofit organization that was created in 1999. The foundation's primary purpose is to provide philanthropic support for the capital needs of Western Maine Health and Stephens Memorial Hospital.

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